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CURRENT TOPICS.

Nearly 37,000,000 babies are born in this world every year.

Iowa proposes to build a \$100,000 soldiers' monument at Des Moines. Des Moines are reported to be unusually numerous in the upper part of Franklin County, Mo.

When the German Emperor visits England this year he will mostly live aboard ship.

A copy of the first edition of Charles Lever's works lately sold in England for \$1,750.

When President Harrison drives out he prefers a light wagon and usually acts as his own driver.

A deed made in 1776 by William Smith, of Philadelphia, has been found in the Huntington collection.

The City of Rome consumes an average of 300 tons of coal a day in crossing the ocean at top speed.

In a recent Sunday issue of a New York newspaper seventy-seven tons of white paper were consumed.

P. T. BARNUM has given \$10,000 to the Universalist Church of Bridgeport, Conn., thus freeing it from debt.

A BROOKLYN man dreamed he was in a scuffle, and drew his pistol from under his pillow and shot himself.

A PROMISIST citizen, aged ninety-two, of Dayton, Tenn., was married recently to a woman thirty-eight years old.

A STRANGE illness is reported from Hungary. A young girl had a fit of sneezing which lasted twenty-four hours.

A BRIDGEMAN at Monroe, Ga., being without money, gave the justice a little rabbit dog which he had with him.

To ENCOURAGE sorghum sugar-making, the Kansas Legislature has exempted all sugar plants from taxation until 1893.

It cost the English Government \$170,153 to keep the royal palaces in order last year and \$445,005 for royal parks and gardens.

According to the returns of the Judicial Department the number of native lawyers in Japan on the 31st of December was 1,120.

D. STUMP, of Burnt Cabin, York County, Pa., can put a large goose egg in his mouth and close his lips without crushing the shell.

FREDERICK VILLIERS, the London Graphic artist, has come to this country to obtain pictures of the centennial for his paper.

Under the new license law of Massachusetts only 780 drinking-places can be licensed in Boston—one for every 500 inhabitants.

The Canadian Parliament wants England to send a fleet to coast to Behring's Sea to teach the United States authorities a lesson.

HALF a dozen Cape Cod towns are quarrelling over the question which of them shall celebrate the 250th anniversary of Cape Cod.

At Chicago thirteen-year-old Charlie Howard shot and captured a burglar, drove another one away and recovered their booty.

ENGLISH as it is written in Omaha: "Owners of dogs must register them before the 10th of May, or they will be shot by the police."

THE once fighting Modoc Indians have become industrious farmers in the past twelve years, and half of them have professed Christianity.

At a wedding in Saline County, Kan., the groom charged the guests fifty cents each for supper and sold them popcorn at five cents a package.

A CHICAGO negro put in an hour in a cold storage room to find it was what it claimed to be, a frozen nose and ears are proofs that it was.

THE watermelon center of the world is at Quitman, Ga., a town of 2,500 inhabitants. Last year 1,100,000 watermelons were shipped from Quitman.

JAMES REDPATH says the continuation of the rent agitation in Ireland has had the effect of causing a return of the rents in Ireland—at least \$25,000,000.

THE regular income of John D. Rockefeller is \$200,000 a year. That makes him the richest man in the United States, perhaps the very richest in the world.

THE effort of the Fish Commission to propagate shad in the Colorado river has been successful, and the Indians of Arizona are getting their first taste of that fish.

ABRAM S. HEWITT, who is now in London, has a suite of rooms directly over those of General Boulanger. It is said that the two have a ready dinner together.

A LITTLE Episcopal chapel, built in memory of Paul H. Payne, has just been dedicated in Georgia. It stands within sight of the cottage wherein the poet spent his last years.

"If you want to see the best pig in the county, call on me." This is the way a Camerton County (Pa.) man advertises the fact that he has some likely young swine to dispose of.

JOHN JOHNSON, of Boston, Ga., is 84 years old and has been blind for ten years. The other day his sight suddenly returned to him and he called for a book and read with perfect ease.

OUT of 100,000 people who cross the Atlantic from New York to Liverpool the loss of life is not so great as among 100,000 who travel between New York and Pittsburgh by rail.

A CURIOUS result of being hit with a baseball is reported from Philadelphia. A stuttering man was struck in the mouth, and when he got well the impediment in his speech had disappeared.

A PHILADELPHIA who advertised that he was "Hann, one-eyed, had the catarrh and a bad temper, and was given to profanity and drink, but wanted a wife," received 200 letters in four days.

HENRY RIGGS, of Delaware County, Pa., caught a trout that weighed five pounds. He was greatly delighted until he discovered that the boys had filled the fish up with shot before it was weighed.

THE only retired Supreme Justice is Wm. Strong, who lives quietly in Washington, lecturing occasionally. He is resigned in 1880. He is paid \$10,000 annually from the United States treasury.

MISS SUSANNA M. DUNKLE, of Newton, Mass., the first woman to be bank treasurer in the United States, with the help of a clerk, now handles about \$500,000 in money each year. In the fifteen years of her experience she has but twice taken a counterfeit bill—in each case a \$10 one.

ONE of Boulanger's closest adherents is an American negro who acts as the great agitator's valet. The negro's name is Jules Simon, and he was born a slave in Louisiana about forty years ago.

JOHN BRIGGS was the only Cabinet Minister who never knelt to the Queen, his reason being that he could not render to an earthly potentate the homage which he owed to the Supreme Being alone.

TEAR trouble begins early with some people but not long ago a terrible illustration in Nashville by the amputation at the thigh of the leg of a three-days-old baby. The leg had been broken and gangrened had set in. Amputation was necessary to save life, and the life was saved.

CHICKAMAUGA.

Defining the Position of the Two Armies on the Historic Field

As They Stood and Fought, and Wavered Twenty-Five Years Ago—The Spot Where General Lyle Fell Located and Marked.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., May 6.—The distinguished party of gentlemen, composed of General Rosecrans, General Claiborne, General Kellogg, General Boynton and others appointed to inspect the battle-field of Chickamauga and locate the battle lines, visited the battle-field yesterday. They rode over all of it except the portion about Crawfish Spring. The battle lines and positions were established as given in the revised map made last October by order of the War Department, except that there was a slight change as to the route taken by Granger's Reserve Corps when he joined Thomas at Snodgrass Hill. The widow Glenn's house, which was General Rosecrans' headquarters, and the historic "tan-yard" were identified beyond question. The party was composed of the committee as given in previous dispatches and citizens of Chattanooga. General Joe Wheeler was the only Confederate officer present. Adjutant-General Firtle located the spot where General W. H. Lyle was killed, from evidence which seems indisputable, and a pile of stones was made upon the spot to mark the place. An old man named Weathers, aged eighty-three years, walked four miles to see General Rosecrans. He had lived on the field at the time of the battle, and had given General Rosecrans a drink of water. The old man seemed to be transported with joy when General Rosecrans shook hands with him. The party remained at Snodgrass Hill all afternoon taking general observations, and then returned to the city. To-day they will visit Lookout Mountain and other points of interest, and Tuesday will return to the battle-field and enter into the work in detail. General Rosecrans, in an interview said: "This is my first visit to the battle-field since the war, and it is difficult for me to locate many of the places, but each will find some spot with which he is familiar, and in this way by general conference all questions can be definitely and accurately settled. It is the intention to convert the battle-field into a national park, and there is every reason to believe that the plan will succeed."

RED SKINS EXCITED.

A Medicine Man Predicts the Speedy Extinction of the Whites from the Mountains and a Commotion Among the Shoshones and Arapahoes.

DENVER, COLO., May 6.—A telegram received here from the Indian Agency in the southern part of Wyoming Territory says: "All the Shoshones and Arapahoes of Indian Territory have been very active during the past two weeks. Delegates from the other tribes have been visiting them, councils have been held and various dances indulged in by young and old. From a medicine man of the Shoshones it is learned that the commotion is caused by the general belief of the members of the tribe that an Indian millennium is close at hand. A leading medicine man has predicted that when the snow has come and gone once all the dead Indians will return to life. He also predicts that at the same time all white men will disappear. The Indians are intensely excited over prophecies and expectant of the coming of the messiah. The agency to guard against an outbreak among them."

Extra Session of Congress Probable.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—Senator Ingalls said recently: "In my opinion there will be an extra session of Congress called next fall, probably about the middle of October. This course has been deemed judicious, with a view to organizing the House of Representatives and getting legislation in shape before the holiday recess."

Railroad Conductor Killed.

ERIE, PA., May 6.—Edward Root, a conductor on the Philadelphia and Erie railroad, received a fatal injury last night. His limbs were mangled and death followed the surgical operations. Root was single and a member of the Pennsylvania Railway Relief Association. Root walked off the end of the car and was run over.

Fatal Fall from a Mountain.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., May 6.—Yesterday morning at Soddy, Miles Harris fell off the mountain. After dropping fifty feet or more, he struck a tree-top, the branches of which, to some extent, broke his fall and saved him from instant death. He broke a leg and sustained internal injuries which will cause his death.

Destructive Floods in Canada.

QUEBEC, May 6.—Terrible inundations have occurred in all directions up the Saguenay river. Between Chicoutimi and St. Alphonse most all the bridges have been swept away. There was already considerable poverty among the inhabitants of that district, even seed grain being very scarce.

Double Murder at Cards.

LYNNES, PA., May 6.—An Englishman named Ward shot and killed two persons here last night during a quarrel over a game of cards. The victims were named Johns and Miller. The murderer was arrested.

Immigrants.

NEW YORK, May 6.—Nearly 4,500 immigrants were landed at Castle Garden yesterday, 1,669 from Liverpool, 918 from Glasgow, 727 from Copenhagen, 710 from Antwerp, 665 from Havre and 291 from Hamburg.

A CURIOUS COLLECTION.

AN Albany snowshoe club kept themselves in practice during the open winter by putting a lot of aprons in a circle, covering them with canvas and tramping over them to snow music.

A KINGSTON (N. Y.) minister married a couple one night recently, and when signatures were asked to the certificate it was found that neither the bride, groom, best man nor bridesmaid could write their names. They all signed by making marks.

THE latest freak of cigarette advertising agents has been adopted in New York. The agents bought up all the windows they could in private houses along the line of the elevated railroad and filled them with small cards calling attention to a special brand of cigarettes.

FIREHARMS the most novel organization in the State of New York exists in Foughkeepsie. It is a military company composed entirely of girls and drilled by Major Hannelson, a senior officer of the National Guard. The young ladies in every instance belong to the best families in Foughkeepsie.

A MILWAUKEE genius has established a school for the training of professional beggars. He furnishes disguises, rules for begging and a regular route for each of his pupils, telling them the stories to use and the peculiarities of those they are likely to meet. In exchange he demands half the profits.

SAVES ROOM AND WEIGHT.

Important Change in the Boilers for Our Naval Vessels.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—Secretary Tracy has determined to give coil steam boilers a practical trial to test their value for use in large naval vessels. Secretary Whitney took the preliminary steps toward building a boiler for the trial, but as the end of the administration was drawing near, the project was dropped. Coil boilers have proved very successful in small boats, but they have not passed the experimental state in large vessels, although the French government has placed them in a number of war ships. Part of the reason for the armor and coast defense vessel is to be generated by this type of boiler. It will be a long time, however, before the boilers of the coast defense vessels are tested, and in the meantime it is proposed to give these boilers a thorough test on land. The special advantages they possess over the old type of marine boilers are in economy of weight and space, two very important factors in the construction of a modern naval vessel. Mr. Irving Scott, of the Union Iron works, San Francisco, said at the Navy department that the cruiser Charleston would go to sea to-day for her official trial. He expressed great confidence in the ability to do anything that the contract calls for. A private telegram from a naval engineer who has been aboard of her and handled her engines says they are perfect in every particular, and predicts a successful trial. It would not be surprising if the first trial did not come up to contract requirements, for the Navy has been built for seventeen trials before she was finally successful. The Charleston is, however, believed to be a much better built ship.

TERRIFIC HAIL-STORM.

Eight Inches of the Ice Balls Drop to the Earth in Half a Minute.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 4.—Warsaw in the eastern part of the State, was struck by a terrific cyclone yesterday morning at four o'clock. Hail fell with such rapidity and violence as to lie eight inches deep in thirty-six seconds. Many small houses were blown away almost bodily. Large houses were torn up so that they are not habitable. The Seminary building was blown away and the Presbyterian Church, a brick building, was totally demolished, not a stick of timber being left that may be used in rebuilding. Fences were torn up and scattered like leaves. No loss of life is reported, but many people were seriously hurt by the flying timbers. Strawberries are the principal article of early production here, and the hail has ruined them. Exclusive of loss to these crops the damage will exceed \$12,000, g.

The Boldest of Burglars.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., May 4.—Word was received from Fort Smith yesterday of the safe of A. F. Snow. The thief broke into the store, ransacking a clerk who slept in the rear room, and who ran out after an officer. While he was absent the robbers blew open the safe, the explosion awakening persons living near the store. The thieves, however, succeeded in escaping with the contents. The safe carried off the drawers, and the safe contained \$1,400, notes and valuable papers. The town is greatly excited.

Mysteriously Missing.

WHEELING, W. VA., May 4.—Mrs. Mary Jackson, of the West Virginia Hospital for the Insane, has been missing for nearly a month, and great uneasiness is felt among her friends on account thereof. She has dropped completely out of sight, and there is no clue to her whereabouts. Mrs. Jackson is about fifty years of age, and is a cousin of Judge Jackson, of the U. S. District Court. Governor Jackson, and Congressman-elect J. M. Jackson, of Parkersburg.

Murderer Hawes' Fate.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., May 4.—"We, the jury, find the defendant guilty of murder in the first degree, as charged. We recommend that he be sentenced to the penitentiary, and say he shall suffer death. N. F. Thompson, Foreman." Such was the verdict returned by the jury in the Dick Hawes' case. Last November Hawes killed his wife and two daughters, Mamie and Irene, and a few days afterward married Miss Story, of Columbus, Miss. He was executed a few days later and brought here for trial.

Two Murderers Hanged.

PETERSBURG, VA., May 4.—At Emporia, in Greenwell County, two men named Walker Harris and Robert Williams were hanged for murder. The crime was committed on February 22, and their victims were Anthony Parham and Emerson Mason, negroes, both of whom were killed with axes. Williams made a confession last night, and said the murder was the result of an old grudge.

Big Railroad Deal.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA., May 4.—First mortgage bonds to the amount of \$100,000 have been issued by the Chicago, Parkersburg & Norfolk Railroad Company to the Mercantile Trust Company of New York, to build the road, and the mortgages are being recorded in the counties through which the road passes. In this State 222 miles will be built directly east from here to the Virginia line.

Crooked Postmaster.

MORRIS MINN., May 4.—Erick E. Solon, postmaster at Nash, this county, was arrested here and taken to St. Paul. It is charged that he has made a practice of using postage stamps as legal tender in neighboring towns and disposing of some at a discount, repaying them to the department as canceled by him. It is said he has pocketed \$5,000 or \$6,000 illegally.

Ordered Out of Commission.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—Orders have been issued from the Navy Department to put the Brooklyn and Essex at New York out of commission.

Murdered by White-Caps.

ANNA, ILL., May 4.—James Gordon, who was whipped by the White-Caps a week ago, died yesterday of his injuries. The manner of Gordon's whipping was most brutal. He was knocked down by one of the ruffians, and afterward held and whipped on his bare back till he fainted. Jonathan and others of that neighborhood have been warned to leave or share the same treatment.

Moonshiners Shot an Officer.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 4.—Deputy Collector B. B. Bondin was probably fatally shot yesterday afternoon, in Johnson County, while raiding a distillery.

Three Children Fatally Burned.

CLEVELAND, O., May 4.—At Ashtabula, O., this morning, a house occupied by a Portuguese family named Silvey, caught fire. The father had gone to work, and the mother to market, leaving three small children in the house. One, a boy of three, was burned to death, and the two others so badly injured that they will die.

Exterminated Himself and Family.

EDGEMOOR, LA., May 4.—A terrible tragedy occurred at Blair, La., yesterday afternoon. A merchant named Melvick shot his wife and two children, set fire to his residence and burned the bodies of his victims with it and then shot himself.

THE WRECK COMPLETED.

How an Insane Patient was Hurled to the Grave.

Brutal Methods of Teaching an Unruly Inmate of an Asylum What His Keepers Desired Him to Do.

CHICAGO, May 4.—Coroner Hertz and a jury began an investigation into the cause of the death of Robert Burns, a patient in the Insane Asylum at Jefferson. Attendants Richardson, Crogan and Pecha, who are charged with beating him to death were present. A reporter named Black, who gained entrance to the asylum by playing insane, and who witnessed the act of brutality, was the principal witness. He said that the patient was unruly, but seemed incapable of understanding what was required of him. Once when Burns was ordered to sit on a bench he did not do so, whereupon he was violently thrown down upon it. Rising, in a heated and helpless mood, he attacked Richardson, who kicked him violently in the abdomen. Burns again arose and tried to walk away when Richardson caught him by the collar and threw him to the floor. Richardson, Crogan and Pecha each taking part in it, kicking the helpless lunatic in the side and stomach, striking and cutting and bruising his face with their fists. When this was done, Crogan picked up one of Burns' shoes, and, taking it by the toe, beat the offending patient over the head with the heel of it, cutting great gashes and covering the unfortunate victim with his own blood. By this time he was in a foaming, frothy condition and was fast losing consciousness. He was then jerked out of his seat, which was covered with blood that had run down from his head. That night the witness and Burns were put into the same cell. Burns was ordered to remove his clothes, but not complying, was cuffed. Finally the attendants stripped him, and then Richardson kicked him in the abdomen, knocking him across the cot. At another time, the witness said, he heard the sound of blows in Burns' cell and loud cries from Burns lasting several minutes. Attendants Schulzer, Crogan and Richardson were there. Then a man and a pail of water were brought, and the door was closed and locked. The attendants evidently came to the conclusion that the witness was too inquisitive, and he was removed to another part of the building. The reporter came out of the asylum at the end of ten days. Burns was then reduced to a skeleton, and was a hollow, hollow-eyed idiot. The reporter told how, with hands and feet, he was released. Dr. Kiernan, the superintendent of the asylum, shook his head ominously and advised against it. He declared the reporter to be incurably insane; that he knew this because he had watched the case very closely. Dr. Schulzer, of the staff, concurred in this opinion. Richardson, Crogan and Pecha, under advice of the physician, were ordered to keep the lunatic in the asylum, and to be present at the subsequent proceedings, preferring to remain in jail. Drs. Kiernan and Schubert, of the asylum, were on the stand, as were a number of other witnesses, but nothing important additional was elicited. A verdict was reached in short order by the jury, and the insane patient was taken to the morgue, where he was laid out for burial. The patient, who was named Burns, was already under indictment for murder. There seems little doubt that Drs. Kiernan and Schubert also will have bills of some sort presented against them by the grand jury.

An Item for Archaeologists.

WATERLOO, IA., May 3.—Important discoveries have been made near Floyd, Ia., of remains of the ancient mound builders. A circular mound thirty feet in diameter and about two feet high has been opened and five skeletons found. They were exceedingly well preserved, and the bones having been very closely packed around them. Three of them were males, one a female and the fifth a babe. The skull of the female is in a good state of preservation, and those who have made careful measurements of it say that it shows that the person belonged to the very lowest type of humanity. Archaeologists are much interested in the remains, and inferiority even to the celebrated "Neanderthal" skull. These bones are claimed to be the most perfect of any remains of the mound builders yet discovered. There are several other mounds near this one, and they will be examined in a few days.

Phenomenon of the Heavens.

STOUX FALLS, DAK., May 3.—A peculiar heavenly phenomenon was seen here last evening. The sky was perfectly clear, except for a few clouds, and a severe thunderstorm was brewing. A bright light appeared from which protruded immense pillars of fire. They were of a bright red color. The pillars remained for about twenty minutes, and disappeared.

Fatally Crushed by a Tree.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA., May 3.—Andrew Mace, of Arnoldsburg, while cutting down a tree last Tuesday, was caught by a grape-vine and thrown thirty feet, almost directly under the falling tree, which fell upon him, fatally crushing him. Mr. Mace was seventy years old the day of the accident.

Pole-Cutting in New York.

NEW YORK, May 3.—The pole-cutting was resumed in this city. Eighth avenue, from Forty-second to Fifty-eighth streets, and Fifty-eighth street, between Sixth and Eighth avenues, were the scenes of the pole-choppers' operations. Work will be continued at the same places.

Michigan Legislation.

LANSING, May 3.—The Senate passed the capital punishment bill, and it now only requires the Governor's signature to become a law. The local option bill was defeated.

To Dine With Emperor Wilhelm.

BERLIN, May 3.—The Emperor has invited the American delegates to the Samoan Conference to dine with him at Potsdam on Monday.

Bids on Official Envelopes.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Bids were opened by Postmaster-General Wannamaker, at the Post-office Department, for supplying the Post-office Department and the 88,000 fiscal officers throughout the United States with official envelopes for the next fiscal year. The amount of the award, when made, will approximate \$100,000.

A Great Musical Event.

NEW YORK, May 3.—Arrangements have been made whereby a series of seventy-five concerts will be given in the leading cities of America by Gounod, the great composer, who has agreed to lead an orchestra of eighty persons.

Suicided at His Child's Grave.

BROOKLYN, May 3.—Wm. White, aged 50, a wealthy restaurateur of No. 15 Wall street, New York, shot himself dead in Greenwood Cemetery, where he had gone to visit, as was his frequent custom, the grave of a favorite child, who died some years ago.

Remorseful Murderer Surrenders.

CUMBERLAND, MD., May 3.—John J. McGee, who killed his friend, Barney Crogan, at Midland Mines, February 18, of 1891, has been here to-night by Marshal Hurd, of Hagerstown, Md., and was overpowered by a posse of men and voluntarily surrendered himself.

White-Caps Drive Off a Saloonist.

CLEVELAND, O., May 2.—White-Caps demolished the saloon of John Messmore at Rawson, Hancock County, O., last night. This is the second time Messmore has been robbed, his saloon having been wrecked about two months ago. He has now decided to leave the place.

Zach Taylor Sentenced to Hang.

PETERSBURG, May 2.—Zach Taylor, convicted as an accomplice in the murder of Wm. McCausland, of this city, was sentenced to death in the Greene County circuit court by Judge Ingraham. Taylor said he was innocent and did not have a fair trial.

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PEOPLE'S DAY.

The Centennial Celebration Ends With a Civic Demonstration.

NEW YORK, May 2.—The great Centennial Celebration closed last night. It had been a success from beginning to end, and the whole matter has been enacted upon a higher and broader scale than America ever stepped upon before. The demonstration yesterday was the people's exhibit, and nothing to compare with it was ever seen in this country. All the Mardi-Gras performances of New Orleans that people go down from the North to see were child's play and a peanut in a meal bag compared with the New York demonstration in the way of allegorical scenes and fancy floats and industrial and progressive exhibit. Over ninety thousand citizens participated in the demonstration, who lived in the music of myriad industries the solemn echo of the marching military of the day before. In the parade the Italian was prominent. In fact the appearance of the Italians in the procession astonished even old New Yorkers. Nobody appreciated the strength of the Italians in this country. They were second only to the Germans and the Irishmen, who did nobly. For half an hour the Italians marched past carrying the flag of Italy along with the stars and stripes, and wearing the fanciful uniforms and decorations of the provinces of the old Roman Republic. The greatest demonstration of the day was the parade of the German Americans. Nothing to compare with it was ever seen in the country, and it was magnificent beyond description. For an hour and a half the parade of our Teutonic brethren marched past amid ever-increasing admiration and enthusiasm. Over three hundred Frenchmen and near a thousand Americans were in the line in the uniform of the American soldier, and from all quarters of the globe as well as from all sections of the United States were gathered the men to march in the greatest demonstration ever made in support of the idea of perfect liberty and equality among men.

PRESERVED IN A WELL.

Ladder Sixty-Nine Years in the Earth Discovered Without a Trace of Decay.

SCOTTSDALE, IND., May 2.—Some time ago the ground in a well was bored at Lexington, this county, with the expectation of finding oil. The well was dug to a depth of 125 feet and was eight feet in diameter. After that depth was reached a drill was procured and boring was continued until 600 feet more was reached, making 725 feet in all. At this depth the well was abandoned, but not until it had filled with water which was very salty. In descending to the point where the drilling was begun, a ladder 125 feet in length had to be used. A few days ago M. V. Getty, of Lexington, commenced to redig the well for the purpose of finding natural gas. The hole had been filled up for many years, but when it was cleaned it out, the ladder, which was made sixty-nine years ago, was found to be in a perfect state of preservation.

Peculiarly Sad Accident.

PATERSON, N. J., May 2.—James Legg and another young man, with two female friends, set out to row up the Passaic river from above the falls to Laurel Grove Cemetery, where Legg wished to place flowers on his brother's grave. Owing to recent heavy rains the river is very high, and the young women expressed fears that the current was too strong to row against. Legg said he could do it, and jumped into the boat. He pushed off and the little craft was almost immediately caught by the current and swept towards the dam just above the falls. Legg jumped from the boat and was borne by the current over the falls, plunging eighty feet into the water below. The boat was caught by an eddy above and drifted ashore. Legg's body was not recovered.

All Quiet in Oklahoma.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—The following telegram has been received at the War Department from General Crook's headquarters at Chicago: "The following received from General Merrill: 'Every thing continues quiet. Local town governments are practically established. I propose to visit Cherokee outlet, and after arranging matters there to return to headquarters at Leavenworth, if there are no other instructions.'"

Voodoo! Gets a Thrashing.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., May 2.—Advices from Dover, Ark., say that a party of disguised negroes visited the house of a negro named Kato, some miles beyond that place, burnt his room, thrust his head into a four rack, dragged him from the house and beat him with switches, inflicting probably fatal injuries. It is said the man assailed was suspected of practicing voodoo charms upon his neighbors.

Perils of Telegraphy.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., May 2.—At Jasper, Walker County, Ala., a severe thunderstorm and electric storm, young Frank Hurd, the local telegraph operator, was sitting at his desk when the lightning hit his wires, and the current, turning down the wire, passed through his body. He fell forward on the